

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To provide emergency funding for food aid to HIV/  
AIDS affected populations in sub-Saharan Africa.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—108th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**H. R. 1298**

To provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/  
AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by  
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Viz:

1 At the appropriate place insert the following:

2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . EMERGENCY FOOD AID FOR HIV/AIDS VICTIMS.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

4 (1) Whereas the Centers for Disease Control  
5 and Prevention found that “For persons living with  
6 HIV/AIDS, practicing sound nutrition can play a  
7 key role in preventing malnutrition and wasting syn-  
8 drome, which can weaken an already compromised  
9 immune system.”.

1           (2) Whereas there are immediate needs for ad-  
2           ditional food aid in sub-Saharan Africa where the  
3           World Food Program has estimated that more than  
4           40,000,000 people are at risk of starvation.

5           (3) Whereas prices of certain staple commod-  
6           ities have increased by 30 percent over the past  
7           year, which was not anticipated by the President's  
8           fiscal year 2004 budget request.

9           (4) The Commodity Credit Corporation has the  
10          legal authority to finance up to \$30,000,000,000 for  
11          ongoing agriculture programs and \$250,000,000  
12          represents a use of less than 1 percent of such au-  
13          thority to combat the worst public health crisis in  
14          500 years.

15         (b) COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION.—

16                 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture  
17                 shall immediately use the funds, facilities, and au-  
18                 thorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation to  
19                 provide an additional \$250,000,000 in fiscal year  
20                 2003 to carry out programs authorized under title II  
21                 of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assist-  
22                 ance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.) to assist  
23                 in mitigating the effects of HIV/AIDS on affected  
24                 populations in sub-Saharan Africa and other devel-  
25                 oping nations, and by September 30, 2003, the Ad-

1        administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-  
2        national Development shall enter into agreements  
3        with private voluntary organizations, non-govern-  
4        mental organizations, and other appropriate organi-  
5        zations for the provision of such agricultural com-  
6        modities through programs that—

7                (A) provide nutritional assistance to indi-  
8                viduals with HIV/AIDS and to children, house-  
9                holds, and communities affected by HIV/AIDS;  
10              and

11              (B) generate funds from the sale of such  
12              commodities for activities related to the preven-  
13              tion and treatment of HIV/AIDS, support serv-  
14              ices and care for HIV/AIDS infected individuals  
15              and affected households, and the creation of  
16              sustainable livelihoods among individuals in  
17              HIV/AIDS affected communities, including in-  
18              come-generating and business activities.

19              (2) REQUIREMENT.—The food aid provided  
20              under this subsection shall be in addition to any  
21              other food aid acquired and provided by the Com-  
22              modity Credit Corporation prior to the date of en-  
23              actment of this Act. Agricultural commodities made  
24              available under this subsection may, notwithstanding

- 1 any other provision of law, be shipped in fiscal years
- 2 2003 and 2004.